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SUBJECT:CONGRESSMAN'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON BHUTTO
TRIAL

REF: ISLAMABAD 4400

1. CONGRESSMAN CHARLES W. WILSON HAS REQUESTED DEPARTMENT
TO ANSWER SEVERAL QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE TRIAL AND PRE-
SENT STATUS OF FORMER PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO. APPRECIATE
EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN ANSWERING FOLLOWING TWO QUESTIONS
CONTAINED IN CONGRESSMAN'S WRITTEN REQUEST:

I. HISTORICAL CATALOG OF EVENTS WHICH RESULTED IN THE
REMOVAL OF BHUTTO AND HIS SUBSEQUENT INDICTMENT.

II. AN ACCOUNTING OF THE POSITION TAKEN BY THE UNITED
STATE WITH RESPECT TO (A) THE EQUITY OF THE TRIAL PROCE-
DURES; (B) THE PHYSICAL CONDITIONS OF BHUTTO'S IMPRISONMENT;
AND (C) THE ISSUES OF HUMAN RIGHTS, IF ANY, RAISED BY THE
CONDUCT OF THE TRIAL.

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2. CONGRESSMAN HAS BEEN PROVIDED WITH INTERIM REPLY AND
ADVISED COMPLETE ANSWERS TO HIS QUESTIONS WILL BE PROVIDED
AT LATER DATE. LETTER ALSO EXPLAINED THAT WE ARE OBTAIN-

ING PUBLICATION DESCRIBED IN REFTEL AND WILL PROVIDE HIM
WITH COPY IN LINE WITH HIS REQUEST FOR "AN ACCOUNT, IN

SUMMARY FORM FROM VERBATIM TRANSCRIPTS, OF THE CONDUCT
OF THE TRIAL". WE WISH TO PROVIDE COMPLETE ANSWERS TO
ALL OF CONGRESSMAN'S QUESTIONS ASAP AFTER RECEIPT OF
THAT PUBLICATION WHICH, WE ASSUME, HAS ALREADY BEEN AIR
POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT. VANCE

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